# **MICHIGAN JUDICIAL BRANCH**

#### STATE COURT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

#### SUPREME COURT

7 Justices

Jurisdiction:

 Considers applications for leave to appeal, mainly from decisions of the Court of Appeals, grants appeals as a matter of discretion

#### COURT of APPEALS

4 districts

28 judges

Jurisdiction:

- Appeals by right from the Circuit Court, Court of Claims, and other tribunals as established by law or rule.
- Considers applications for leave to appeal, primarily interlocutory; grants appeals as a matter of discretion.

#### **COURT OF CLAIMS**

This is a function of the 30<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court. (Ingham County) Jurisdiction:

- · Jurisdiction over claims and demands against the State over \$1,000 except where Circuit Court has jurisdiction. State Administrative Board has discretionary authority in claims under \$1,000.
- · No jury trials.

## **CIRCUIT COURT (57 courts)**

210 judges

Jurisdiction:

- Equity and general civil over \$25,000
- · Exclusive felony jurisdiction except where there are special criminal courts
- · Appeals de novo or on record
- · Administrative appeals
- Jury trials

FAMILY DIVISION (Division of Circuit Court)

Jurisdiction:

- · Exclusive domestic relations
- Exclusive delinquency, child protective proceedings and adoptions
- Ancillary jurisdiction mental health, guardianship/conservatorship
- · No jury trials for domestic relations and adoptions

## **DISTRICT COURT (104 courts)**

258 judges Jurisdiction:

- Exclusive civil litigation under \$25,000, excluding equity; Small claims under \$3,000
- Misdemeanors, ordinance violations with sentence less than one year, felony preliminaries
- · Landlord/tenant or summary proceedings
- Jury trials

# PROBATE COURT (78 courts)

106 judges

Jurisdiction:

- Exclusive jurisdiction over cases pertaining to quardianships, estates, trusts, and the mentally ill
- Jury trials
- Certain types of cases may be appealed directly to the Court of Appeals

## MUNICIPAL COURT (5 courts) 6 judges

Jurisdiction:

- Civil, landlord/tenant under \$1,500 (\$3,000 if a resolution is passed)
- Conciliation division up to \$100 (\$600 if a resolution is passed)
- Misdemeanors, traffic and ordinance violations with fines less than \$500 and sentence less than 1 year. felony preliminaries
- Jury trials